Proposal to sell detergent by National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.

2261. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., had given any proposal to the Central Government in the month of June, to sell detergent in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when the above proposal will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The National Small Industries Corporation is already providing marketing assistance to Small Scale Units by forming consortia of small scale units producing similar items such as Fans, GLS lamps. Recently, the Corporation have decided to form a Consortia for some detergent producing small scale units. The proposal is to implement it during the current financial year.

Residential accommodation for subordinate staff of K.V.I.C.

2262. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are given the facility of residential accommodation from the Commission's staff quarters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the subordinate staff is not provided with this facility;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for this disparity in allotting residential accommodation; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the subordinate staff has been submitting representation from time to time for providing them Government residential accommodation, if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) KVIC provides residential accommodation to its officers stationed at Bombay as per the pay ranges given below:—

Type	Pay range	No. of Quarters
'A'	Upto Rs. 949/- . .	80
'B'	Rs. 950/- to Rs. 1499/- .	20
'C'	Rs. 1500/- to Rs. 2799/-	92
'D'	Rs. 2800/- and above .	50

(c) From the reply as given at (a) & (b) above, it is celar that no disparity is made in allotting residential accommodation.

(d) Since the KVIC is having limited number of staff quarters, there are waiting lists and the Commission has decided to increase the number of staff quarters and to provide staff quarters in all State Head Quarters in a phased manner.

Maintenance of quality of detergents

2263. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any mechanism to ensure that the detergents produced in the country have the minimum required level of active matter content; if so, what is the proportion of such active matter to produce acceptable quality of detergent;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons there for;

(c) whether Government propose to protect consumer's interest by ensuring that the minimum required level of active matter content is present in the detergent; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to bring the detergents under the purview of ISI with a view to protect the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have published Indian Standards on various detergents in which the minimum active ingredient, per cent by mass, for various types and grades have been prescribed. The details of these Standards are annexed in the statement.

These Standards for detergents are not covered under Compulsory Certification Marks and there is no proposal to bring them under the above scheme.

Statement

BIS has published the followng Indian Standards on various detergents in which the minimum active ingredient, percent by mass for various types and grades have been prescribed as follows :

IS : No.	*—Title*				
(i) 4955—1982	Household laundry detergent powders (second revision)				
		Requirements for			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	Active ingredient, percent by mass, *Min*	19·0	16·0	10·0	12·0
(ii) 4956—1977	Synthetic detergent for industrial purposes (*first revision*)				
		Requirements for			
		Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	
	Active ingredient, percent by mass, *Min* .	35	40	20	
(iii) 8180—1982	Household laundry detergent bars (*first revision*)				
		Requirements for			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	Active detergent (as sodium salt of alkyl benzene sulphonic acid), percent by mass, *Min* .	18·0	15·0	10·0	12·0
(iv) 9458—1980	Synthetic detergents for washing woollen and other delecate fabrics				
		Requirements for			
		Type 1		Type 2	
	Active ingredient, percent by mass, *Min* . .	15·0		15·0	

Setting up of a black granite polishing unit in Tamil Nadu

2264. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a black granite polishing unit is proposed to be set up in Tamil Nadu with foreign technical know how; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) In Tamil Nadu, 106 units including TAMIN Gra-